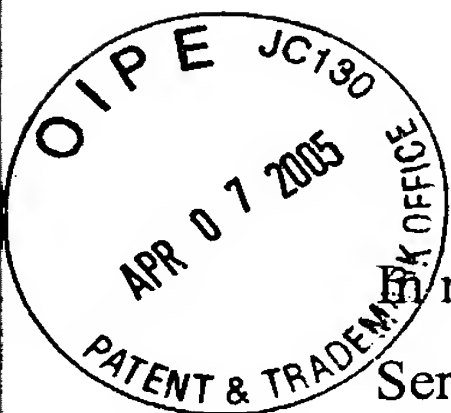


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SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS

Applicants respectfully inquire about the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicants filed a Request for Status with the PTO on October 4, 2004. To date, Applicants have not received any communication on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request notice of when the first Office Action on the merits will be issued.

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If there are any matters that can be resolved through a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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